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Forget about breaking Microsoft up.

The only way to allow the software business to become competitive is to force Microsoft to license their source code (on any product released for sale to the public), to anyone who wants it, for a reasonable fee (say \$5,000 or \$10,000), making it available within 90 days after first delivery date.

This allows anyone to make improvements and sell them, make additions and sell them, make competitive products and sell them. In other words, it allows competition to those who wish to pursue that course. It also allows anyone who claims Microsoft stole their code to see if the code sequence(s) are in the new product.

If you don't allow this, Microsoft will always hide behind the "improvements to the Windows experience" bunk.and continue to pursue its cutthroat tactics

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